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**BUNSCHOTEN-SPAKENBURG** — Municipality in the province of Utrecht, bordering on the IJsselmeer. After the construction of the Afsluitdijk (dam across the IJsselmeer), the towns became isolated from the sea and the commercial fishing suffered greatly. Historic fishing boats, as seen in the above picture, are still being repaired and restored. More on these towns on pages 18 & 19.

**Important:** The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.  
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

## Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Friday 28 June	<b><u>"End of Month Drinks"</u></b> More information on page 5	
Thursday 4 July	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Sunday 7 July	<b><u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u></b> Cost: \$8.00	11.00 am
Sunday 14 July	<b><u>"Sunday Midwinter Brunch"</u></b> Cost: Members \$12.00 Guests: \$15.00	10.00 am
Thursday 18 July	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Friday 26 July	<b><u>"End of Month Drinks"</u></b> More information on page 5	
Thursday 1 August	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Sunday 4 August	<b><u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u></b> Cost: \$8.00	11.00 am
Thursday 15 August	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Thursday 29 August	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Friday 30 August	<b><u>"End of Month Drinks"</u></b> More information on page 5	
Sunday 8 September	<b><u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u></b> Cost: \$8.00	11.00 am
Friday 27 September	<b><u>"End of Month Drinks"</u></b> More information on page 5	
Sunday 29 September	<b><u>"Neerlandia AGM"</u></b>	1.00 pm

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**Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:**

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

# Report from your President



## President's Report

In this issue of the Neerlandia Magazine you will find two articles that are closely connected with each other. Firstly we are publishing part 2 of the questionnaire that was held in February amongst a group of members of the Dutch

Community. The participants were not necessarily members of Neerlandia but more a combination of representatives of the three groups within the Dutch community: Neerlandia members, non Neerlandia members but regular visitors to the club and Dutch who have not visited the Club (yet). The Committee thought it useful and important to conduct this questionnaire to gauge the opinions amongst the Dutch regarding our Club.

In the May 2013 Neerlandia Magazine, we published part 1 of the results, which showed the replies, in percentages, to the 15 multiple choice questions.

In this issue you will find a collection of answers to the open questions. Where possible and where relevant, the Committee has given comments.

From this questionnaire it became clear that there is a need for a central point in Perth where the Dutch can meet on a regular basis. Opinions of how this Central Point should be run differ, obviously. However, we are so pleased with all the suggestions and comments and also for the time that respondents took to write down their thoughts.

The second article in this magazine is the announcement of the 2013 AGM that will be held on Sunday 29 September at 1pm at the Neerlandia Clubhouse, 230 Cambridge Street, Wembley.

As the Committee has currently plenty of vacancies, this AGM should be an excellent opportunity for the participants of the February questionnaire to get their suggestions and future plans for Neerlandia realized. Inge, who recently joined the Committee, has the energy and vision that the Club is looking for. Inge's slogan "if you want to change something, you should be the first one to work on that" is what the Committee needs to achieve what it has set out to achieve: a contemporary meeting place for the next generation Dutch migrants living in Perth.

If you have a vision for Neerlandia and for its long term future, if you think that you are a good representative of the growing amount of Dutch migrants living in Perth or if you want to assist in guaranteeing a future for the Dutch Club, please come and join the committee.

But wait, it is not just younger committee members we are looking for. We also need a few handy men and women who have expertise and the time to assist

us with the maintenance of the club house.

If you have time and an interest to invest in the Dutch Club, we are looking forward to hearing from you.

Committee Membership is not half as daunting as it sounds: Committee Membership is all about finding ways to run the Club and to create a guaranteed future for an Institution that is 44 years old this year - all in good harmony.

Do you have what it takes? Jump off the fence and talk to us! We are looking for candidates now. Please contact me by email: [lianna\\_parker@bigpond.com](mailto:lianna_parker@bigpond.com) (\_ between lianna parker) or phone on: 0419 181 154. Lastly, it is with mixed emotions that I remind you that Marieke is leaving us on 1 August to go on maternity leave. All who know Marieke are excited for her that her family will be extended in early September. On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank Marieke for her dedication to the club. I think in particular about the excellent way in which she set up the Membership Administration. Marieke also, after Alex retired, took over the shop and introduced new lines of products, which attracted more buyers. All this of course to the benefit of the Club as all proceeds from the shop go to the upkeep and maintenance of your club house.

Marieke and Darren, enjoy the months ahead of you.

We at Neerlandia are looking forward to meeting Harry's baby brother.

With this issue being a double issue, the next President's Report will be in September, after my trip to The Netherlands and the UK.

Stay warm this winter and please, don't forget to come and attend the AGM (financial members only).

**Lianna Parker**  
**President**

## IN LOVING MEMORY

We received notification that the following members have passed away recently:

### **Corry Noordijk**

Our sincere condolences to her family  
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia  
and the DJVV (Jeugd Van Vroeger)

### **Pieter Sonius**

Our sincere condolences to his family  
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia



**May They Rest in Peace.**





**Dear readers,**

First of all I would like to remind our readers that this magazine is a combined issue of two months, July and August.

***This means that there will be no Neerlandia magazine in your***

***letterbox or your e-mail inbox during the month of August and your next issue will be the September one.***

Joke and I will make the most of this break by taking our caravan on our annual trip north to Coral Bay from mid-July to early September.

I will take my laptop and printer with me and the September issue of the Neerlandia magazine will be compiled and sent to the printer from there. (if all goes well)

### **Correction:**



**King Willem Alexander and Queen Maxima of the Netherlands.**

Here once again is the front page picture of the June issue of the magazine.

This time, however, with a different caption underneath it. Can you spot the difference?

If you do and are offended, I offer my sincere apologies for getting it wrong, but that is life.

Mistakes are made whatever one does and one has to live with them, but also learn from them.

### **Neerlandia AGM:**

The Neerlandia AGM will be held on Sunday the 29th of September. The most important issues on the agenda are always the financial affairs of the club and the election of the Committee Members, or rather how many of the sitting members or new candidates will make themselves available for

election.

Recently one of our members gave me an interesting small article on committee members which is worth sharing.

### ***It goes as follows:***

*Almost every organisation has four bones:*

*There are the WISHBONES who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work;*

*The JAWBONES who do all the talking and very little else;*

*The KNUCKLEBONES, who knock everything that other folk do;*

*And the BACKBONES, who get on with things and do the work.*

It is not my task as editor to analyse our present committee, but I personally think we do have quite a few excellent BACKBONES on our present undermanned committee, who keep Neerlandia ticking over. But they are overworked and need assistance.

And it is up to you our members to give them this assistance by nominating as a Committee member, but preferably you should be a hard-working BACKBONE!

### **Dutch National Football Team:**

The Dutch national Football (Soccer) team has improved 4 places of the FIFA world rankings and it is now ranked 5th in the world.

Since that result was published they won two friendly matches in June. They beat Indonesia 3-0 and China 2-0. They were both away matches. They now have not been beaten in their last 10 times they have played.

They play one more friendly against Portugal in August and in September the last three qualifying matches for the World Cup will be held.

**Pieter Leeftang,**  
**Editor**

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**Sunday Klaverjas Drives.**

*De eerstvolgende Klaverjas Drives worden gehouden op zondag 7 juli en op zondag 4 augustus.*



**Kosten: \$8.00 per persoon.**

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn tegoed bonnen te besteden in onze winkel.

Lunch & 2 kopjes koffie zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen.

De toegangsprijs prijs is iets omhoog gegaan om de stijgende onkosten te dekken.

Aanvang 11.00 uur.

Iedereen is welkom.

**DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR**

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BEERENBURG	\$50.00 PER LITER
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MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$35.00 per 700 ML
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**AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:**

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—Noon



**PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:**

Every Wednesday from:  
11.00 am—1.00 pm

# End of Month Drinks

**The next two End of Month Drinks will be held  
on Friday the 26th of July 2013 and again  
on Friday the 30th of August.**

**The Bar is open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm.**

**Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!**

**Available from the Kitchen:**

**Fresh Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart!**

**A variety of traditional Dutch snacks.**

**The Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!**

***Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome.***

# Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna, Marieke & Inge



## Ditjes en datjes.

... *Welcome to Ms Wilna Cornelisse:*

To Ms Wilna Cornelisse, who has offered her services as proof reader of Dutch language articles in the Neerlandia Magazine.

Thank you Wilna, we appreciate your

assistance.

... *Performances:*

Het Koninklijk Concertgebouw Orkest treedt op in de Perth Concert Hall op 21 en 22 november

... *We zoeken/Seeking:*

Eerste Hulpverleners/First Aiders. Heb je een Eerste Hulp certificaat of wil je een certificaat halen? Neem contact op met Lianna of Inge.

Do you have a First Aid certificate or would you like to get one? Get in touch with Lianna or Inge.

... *Donations:*

Frans & Tonnie travelled from Bridgetown to Perth with boxes of Dutch Classics in the back of their car. The books that have travelled with them all around the world have now found a shelf in the Neerlandia BoekHoek. If you want to have an old fashioned read, come and borrow one of their books.

Willy donated a unique orange flag to commemorate the change of Dutch Monarchs on 30 April 2013. We had a similar flag on display for the day as Ellen & Henk had lent us theirs. Neerlandia now has its own. On behalf of all the members, thank you for your kind donations.

... *DVD Troonswisseling 30 April 2013:*

We are ordering copies of the Troonswisseling 30 April 2013 DVD.

If you want a copy, please contact Lianna 0419 181 154. DVD **approximately** \$30 ea.

## De BoekHoek



Een tijd geleden vertelden wij de Nederlandse gemeenschap dat we boeken titels vanaf 1990 zochten voor onze BoekHoek.

Wij kregen veel positieve reacties en samen met de hulp van Mies & Tom begint het aanbod van te lenen Nederlandstalige boeken in de Club er steeds aantrekkelijker uit te zien.

Wij willen even stilstaan bij een speciale donatie van Ilse. Een prachtige boekenverzameling werd

ons aangeboden en dit is wat Ilse schreef:

Hallo Lianna,

Fijn dat ik de Dutch Club blij kon maken met de boeken donatie. Ik hoop dat de bibliotheek hierdoor goed op gang kan komen.

Twee boeken die ik heb gedoneerd staan me erg naar mijn hart omdat ze door mijn oom, Charles den Tex, geschreven zijn (den Tex is mijn meisjesnaam).

Cel is mijn lievelingsboek van zijn hand. Het gaat over identiteitsdiefstal. De hoofdpersoon, Michael, is getuige



van een auto ongeluk. Hij belt de politie, maar in plaats van dank voor zijn verhoor wordt hij gearresteerd als verdachte van een eerder dodelijk auto



ongeluk. Iemand heeft in een auto gereden met zijn kenteken en zijn identiteit... Het boek is vorig jaar uitgekomen als film, maar die heb ik helaas nog niet kunnen zien. Spijt is een novelle over een Nederlandse man die het leven ontvlucht door naar Australië te vertrekken. Erg toepasselijk dus. Charles is zelf in Australië geboren (Melbourne, 1952), maar al jong weer terug verhuisd naar Nederland.

Ik vind het hartstikke leuk als er een stukje over Charles verschijnt in het clubblad. Hij is een thriller schrijver. Dit is een genre waarvan ik normaal nooit iets las, totdat zijn schrijven me kon overhalen. Hij was een inspiratie voor mij om door te zetten met mijn eigen werk. En het is gelukt. Ik heb hier in Australië een uitgever gevonden en in 2014 verschijnt mijn eerste boek.

Zijn website is [www.charlesdentex.com](http://www.charlesdentex.com)

Groeten en cheers,

**Ilse.**

## The Neerlandia Shop.

While I'm getting ready for baby #2's arrival, Anne is working hard to take over the running of the shop. She's a fast learner and I'm sure you'll all help her out as she really gets settled in. Good luck Anne!

In the meantime, all the Christmas orders have been placed. Already, I hear you ask. Yes. Every year, we have to put our Christmas orders in by early June. This ensures the right products get manufactured and shipped to Australia well in time for the holiday season. I'd like to thank all the sub-clubs for their cooperation and understanding, in ensuring their Christmas Hampers will be filled with delicious goodies.

As usual, there are certain items in the shop that are currently unavailable. I could of course list them all here, but chances are they are back in the shop by the time you read this and instead other items are unavailable.

Therefore there is an up to date list in the shop. On the whiteboard on the fridge you will not only find this list of items, but also our current specials. I hope this will prove to be a more effective way of communicating with our customers.

## Maternity leave Marieke.

As you know, I'm due to give birth to baby #2 in September. As of 1 August, I will officially resign from the Committee, both as Secretary and as ordinary Committee member. At the moment I have no intention of rejoining the Committee after the baby is born, as I anticipate having my hands full for quite a while. This doesn't mean I won't be around anymore though. The Dutch Club and its members have left a lasting impression on me and have become part of my life and my family's.



# Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna, Marieke & Inge

So I will be around, visiting and perhaps helping out here & there. Thank you everyone for your support and kind wishes I'm looking forward to introducing you all to our second baby boy (yes, it's another boy!).

**Marieke.**

## **SBS Dutch Radio.**

In deze aflevering van het Neerlandia tijdschrift kunt u de resultaten en antwoorden lezen van deel 2 van het interview dat in februari onder de Nederlandse gemeenschap in Perth werd gehouden.

Toen SBS Dutch Radio hiervan op de hoogte werd gesteld nam men contact op met Lianna en vroeg haar of ze gast wilde zijn en in de Hot Seat plaats wilde nemen. Natuurlijk deed ze dat: wat een prachtkans om Neerlandia op nationaal niveau onder de aandacht te brengen.

Het interview werd uiteindelijk zo lang dat het in twee gedeeltes werd uitgezonden. U kunt het interview horen via de nu volgende links. Na het beluisteren hiervan heeft u goede indruk van het enthousiasme en de overtuiging waardoor de nieuwe generatie Nederlanders gedreven wordt. Veel luisterplezier!

Deel 1 Radio Interview

<http://www.sbs.com.au/yourlanguage/dutch/highlight/page/id/260692/t/In-the-Hot-Seat:-Lianna-from--Neerlandia-WA/>

Deel 2 Radio interview

<http://www.sbs.com.au/yourlanguage/dutch/highlight/page/id/264040/t/In-the-hot-Seat-Lianna-Parker-from-Neerlandia-WA>

## **De KookHoeK.**

### **Elk maand een Nederlands recept - TUINBONEN.**

#### **Groene risotto.**

In bouillon je tuinbonen, erwten, peultjes, sugarsnaps (of wat je dan ook hebt) heel even koken en dan direct afspoelen in koud water. De rest van de bouillon gebruik je om de risotto te maken:

In een pan met dikke bodem een fijn gesneden uitje zacht laten worden (in klontje boter en/of beetje olijfolie), risotto rijst erbij en roeren totdat de rijst glazig is. Dan telkens een scheut bouillon en roeren totdat de rijst het vocht helemaal heeft opgenomen, weer een scheut bouillon, roeren etc.

Dit duurt een tijdje, halverwege een fles witte wijn opentrekken. Een glas bij de rijst roeren en een tweede glas opdrinken terwijl je blijft roeren: in totaal ben je wel een half uurtje bezig.

Je hebt nu een als het goed is een smeuiige massa in de pan, proef of de rijst echt goed gaar is, anders ga je gewoon door met vocht toevoegen, roeren enz. Dan wat zachte geitenkaas door de rijst doen en de groenten. (voor de 'light' variant kun je ook cottage cheese gebruiken of ricotta). Goed doorwarmen. Op het allerlaatst flink wat fijngesneden bosui, verse munt en eventueel andere kruiden erdoor.

Lekker met een groene salade

#### **Tuinbonen als snack.**

Verse (gekookte) tuinboontjes zijn heerlijk om zo als snack te eten bij de borrel.

Eventueel dippen in zeezout, maar dat hoeft niet.

## **Tuinbonen als bonenpuree.**

Je gekookte tuinbonen of erwten even in de blender met een scheutje olijfolie en kruiden, zout naar smaak.

Lekker als dip maar ook op brood.

Bron: transition town Deventer

## **End of Month Drinks.**

May End of Month Drinks was the first one that Inge attended as Hostess. Considering her enthusiasm, we suspected that she had counted down the weeks so that she could have Guus Meeuwis on the big screen that night. While setting up during the day, we had a sneak preview and it was then that we understood her anticipation: a fantastic DVD that we will certainly play again!

The music DVDs that we have playing on the big screen are another successful move to the now well established EoM Drinks. It is not only modern Dutch artists for the younger patrons though: in the lounge it will be Andre Rieu from June onwards!

Friday 31 May was, again, a long weekend and a very cold one too so we did not expect too much of a turnout. Well, we were wrong, very wrong. We must have had about 110 - 125 people attending and it was a truly pleasant evening.

A special mention should go to Nel Ottenhof. Since we started EoM Drinks, some 4 years ago, Nel has attended most of them in support of the organizers. This time Nel had brought her family with whom she occupied 4 tables. Inge had made a roster for the volunteers and that worked like clockwork: everyone was in time; they enjoyed themselves and also got to know a lot of people while flying through the hall and the lounge with tea trays full of food.

Dora, Anne, Louis & Gerry worked like troopers in the kitchen and Gerry told me afterwards that she had absolutely loved it. Next month Ann & Co will join Dora and Anne in the kitchen to see what EoM Drinks is all about.

As we are constantly working to improve the proceedings, Liora kept an eye on the overall comings and goings in the kitchen while, with Yolanda away for the long weekend, heavily pregnant Marieke took the orders for the kitchen.

Much to our regret Puck had a cold and was unable to tend to the bar duties but Barrie and Patrick were joined by Inge, who now has her RSA as well. That is another move in the right direction as we are looking forward to getting more qualified bar staff to create more flexibility during our functions.

Todd walked around with his camera and took some great shots of our guests. As per usual, the pictures are published on [http://www.flickr.com/photos/dutch\\_club\\_neerlandia\\_in\\_perth\\_wa/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/dutch_club_neerlandia_in_perth_wa/)

All in all we had fun and it was a great night. Next EoM will be on 28 June; we'll see you then!

**Lianna**

**Marieke**

**Inge**

# Klaverjas News & upcoming event

## Sunday Klaverjas Drive held on the 2nd of June.

After a chat and a cuppa it was time to get serious. There were enough players for 7 tables and sharp at 11.00 am the competition started. Of course any table that completed two games stopped for a light lunch, which as usual was prepared by Thea and Irma. Thank you both. Then it was on again for young and old to complete another two games. As the completed scorecards were handed in and were checked, it soon became apparent that this was a day for some very high scores.



Corrie van Rijt 1st prize and Jo Smit 3rd prize.  
(Piet Segers had to leave early)

The winning score must have been close to a record high as it was almost 700 points higher than the second placegetter. On most days the 2nd placegetter's score would have been high enough for the first position, but not on this time.

The overall results were:

### Klaverjassen:

<b>1st prize:</b>	<b>Corrie van Rijt</b>	<b>7723 points</b>
<b>2nd prize:</b>	<b>Piet Segers</b>	<b>7043 points</b>
<b>3rd prize:</b>	<b>Jo Smit</b>	<b>6903 points</b>

Congratulations to Corrie for playing so well and getting such a fantastic score. I happened to be sitting on the same table and finished with 4440 points after 4 games.

**Pieter Leeftang**

## Wednesday Card Club.

The results of the Wednesday Card Club competition which was just completed are as follows:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize with a score of 77378:</b>	<b>Freda Hovingh</b>
<b>\$25.00.</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize with a score of 75832:</b>	<b>John v/d Wielen</b>
<b>\$15.00.</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize with a score of 75782:</b>	<b>Con v/d Putten</b>
<b>\$10.00.</b>	

The marsen prize with 25 marsen Ellen Oliver  
\$10.00.

Thank you ,  
**Bep Banken.**

**OUR MIDWINTER BRUNCH WILL BE ON SUNDAY 14 JULY AT 10.00 AM**



# Brunch

Sunday 14 July 2013

**Come and join the Members and guests of the Neerlandia Klaverjas Club at the "Midwinter Brunch" which will be held on Sunday 14 July.**

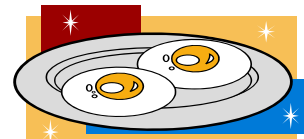
**Enjoy an "Uitsmijter" and all sorts of other Dutch Breakfast Foods.**

**Celebrate a Birthday with your family or invite your friends to join.**

**We serve unlimited Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice.**



<b>Adults:</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>



**Pre-payment is necessary.**  
**Contact Gerry Creemers on: 9356 4207**

*The payment options are:*

... *Send your Cheque or Money Order and the function details by mail to: Neerlandia, PO Box 200, WEMBLEY WA 6913.*

... *Contact Gerry Creemers by phone to arrange credit card payments.*





# Laughter is still the best medicine



### Absent Drinkers.

A cowboy who just moved to Wyoming from Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy:

"You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time."

The cowboy replies: "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Arizona, the other is in Colorado. When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there.

The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs.

All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says: "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs.

"Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking."

"Hasn't affected my brothers though."

### Love a good catholic joke.

An old nun who was living in a convent next to a construction site noticed the coarse language of the workers and decided to spend some time with them to correct their ways.

She decided she would take her lunch and sit with the workers.

She put her sandwich in a brown bag and walked over to the spot where the men were eating.

Sporting a big smile, she walked up to the group and said: "I am Mother Angelica and do you men know Jesus Christ?"

They shook their heads and looked at each other, very confused . . .

One of the workers looked up into the steelworks and yelled out: "Anybody up there know Jesus Christ?"

One of the steelworkers yelled down: "Why?"

The worker yelled back: "Cause his mom's here with his lunch."

*(The above jokes were copied from the Courier, the magazine produced by the Canberra Dutch Club.)*

### The blind man.

It was such a hot day that Miss Prim took a cold shower and was relaxing in the nude on the sofa with a cold drink, when there was a knock on the door.

"Who is it," she called out in alarm, frantically looking for her dressing gown.

"Just the blind man," was the answer.

Relieved, she grabbed her purse, opened the door slightly and was about to get some small change out of her purse, when Fred barged in.

"Great figure, lady," he said, "but where do you want these venetians hung?"

### The feminist.

Sheila the feminist insisted on attending the church hatless and in a see-through blouse.

"You can't enter the church like that," said the priest.

"I have a divine right," persisted Sheila.

As I can see it, you have a divine left as well, but you still can't come inside this church.

### Simple logic?

He came home from the office to find his lay-about son asleep in the garden hammock once again. It was time he had a lesson in life.

He shook him awake and said: "You have been out of school for three years, you haven't tried looking for a job. Isn't it time you smartened yourself up and studied for a profession.?"

"Why," said the son sleepily.

"So that you can become a business man like me."

"Why?" persisted the son.

"So that you can make a lot of money."

"Why?"

"So that you can have enough money in the bank."

"Why?"

So that you can retire and not go to work."

"But I don't go to work now," said the son!



# July Birthdays & Members information

The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of July 2013**.

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**

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**Robert & Kay Wegman,**

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## Neerlandia AGM:

On Sunday the 29th of September 2013, starting sharp at 1.00 pm, our **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Neerlandia Clubhouse.

## **Elections of Committee:**

*This year, in accordance with our constitution and the fact that the secretary was appointed by the Committee and that some sitting members resigned mid-term, nominations are called for the following positions:*

**President (two year term)**

**Secretary (one year term)**

**Treasurer (two year term)**

**3 Committee Members (two year term)**

**3 Committee Members (one year term)**

*Sitting Committee Members who have completed their full term and who made themselves available for re-election are:*

**President:** Lianna Parker.

**Secretary:** Inge van Maanen

**Treasurer:** Henry Koldenhoven

**Committee Members:**

Henk Hanemaaijer

Louis Marcus (undecided at the time of publishing)

**Lianna Parker**

## **Information about Card Club Neerlandia.**

Many new members have joined Neerlandia over the last year or so and a few have also joined the card club.

We would love to have more join our happy band of card players and it is probably a good idea to tell newer readers of Neerlandia magazine a little about our card club.

We meet every Thursday evening at the Neerlandia Clubhouse at around 7.30pm.

We officially begin playing at 8pm but most members like to gather a little earlier and enjoy a cup of coffee or a drink at the bar and a chat.

The majority of us play Klaverjas, but we also have ladies playing Bolivia and Jokeren. We do not have any bridge players at present but would certainly welcome them in our midst.

The weekly cost for members is \$2 and the charge for coffee with a biscuit is \$1. In return members receive gifts at Easter, Mother's and Father's Day and a hamper at Christmas. About once a year (as funds allow) members are also treated to a Neerlandia Brunch which this year will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Anyone interested in finding out a little more about us might like to come to the Brunch (at own cost) and see for themselves what a jolly lot we are and have an opportunity to speak to a committee member.

For more information please contact either:

**Murray Koedyk (President) at 9337 6923**

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Signature Proposer..... Membership No:.....

Signature Secunder..... Membership No:.....

**I accept the nomination:.**

Signature Candidate..... Membership No:.....

**All nomination forms must be in the possession of the Secretary by Monday the 27th of August 2012**  
**Please put the completed form in a sealed envelope, label it "Nomination for Committee" and hand it in**  
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# June End of Month Drinks

## June End of Month Drinks.

Another very successful End of month Drinks. There must have been about 110 - 125 people attending and it was a truly pleasant evening. More details on page 7. *(Photos taken by Todd Kaya)*

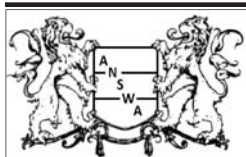




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### Anne Rietveld



#### From the President:

*Dear Readers,*  
Just recently returned from a 6-week trip to the Netherlands and Italy. We spent 3 days in Dordrecht with my sister Marlene. She had already organised a trip to Italy. We flew to Rome, my sister Marlene had booked a hotel very close to the Rome train station. It was a wonderful trip but it was a real whirlwind. In 8 days we went from Rome to Assisi, from Assisi to Florence, then on to Siena, back to Florence and then to Pisa, from where we flew back to Amsterdam and returned to Dordrecht.

The two of us have never walked so much, we did not use tourist buses but decided to do our own thing, which was great but also a challenge. We managed to get lost in Rome, which according to the locals is not hard to do. Arriving back in the Netherlands, the country was busy, getting ready for the abdication of Queen Beatrix and the inauguration (inhuldiging) of King Willem - Alexander and Queen Maxima.

I was honoured to be able to witness the first official engagement of King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima, which was the Memorial (Dodenderdenking) on the 4th of May at The Dam Square. It was most moving ceremony, one I will not easily forget.

While in the Netherlands I also visited the Maasvlakte. (Futureland) It is an expansion of the Netherlands.



**Model of completed project due 2035**

The project commenced in 2008 and is expected to be completed in 2035.

They have divided the project into 10 phases. This helps to spread the costs and the risks. It also keeps the project flexible for one does not know what the market will

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**Maasvlakte 2 - Aerial photo April 2013**

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expect 15 years from now.

The progress so far has seen an expansion of the Port of Rotterdam. These facilities are in a top location to serve Europe.

Since 2008, a seawall has been constructed and sand has been dredged and pumped behind it and quays and terminals are being built on this reclaimed land.

Around 240 million cubic metres of sand were needed to construct Maasvlakte 2 up to 2013. Maasvlakte 2 covers approximately 2000 hectares.

There is ample space on Maasvlakte 2 for container handling distribution and the chemical industry.

The new port will be 20 metres deep that is accessible for the largest container ships of the future.

The largest container ship at present is the "Emma Maersk" 397.7 metres long, 56.4 metres wide and a depth of 15.5 metres. This ship can transport 15,000 containers of 6 metres length. A new generation of container ships are being built at present by the Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering.

These ships will be 400 metres in length, a width of 59 metres. These ships will have a triple rating.

A - Economy of scale. B - Energy efficiency.

C - Environmentally improved.

I also visited the newly restored Rijksmuseum, what a beautiful building.

The museum has been divided into 8 sections:

**Floor 0** - Green Special Collections and Pink: Years 1100 to 1600.

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**Rijksmuseum's paving still in progress.**



**Early Dutch Sailing Ship.**



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**Floor 2** - Yellow Years 1600-1650 and Years 1650- 1700.

**Floor 3** - Grey Years 1950 - 2000 and Years 1900-1950

The amount of visitors that come each day is unbelievable and it is definitely worth a visit the next time you are in the Netherlands . It has a very good



**Watermill**



**Watermill Wheel**

restaurant and it is not too expensive.

Another very rewarding trip was made on the Dutch National Mills Day, that is held on the 2nd Saturday of May. There are approximately 950 Mills that open their door to visitors. You can go to the website and see which mills are closest to where you are living. We went to Kinderdijk, as it was the closest to where my sister lives. It was a fantastic day. On quite a few of the mills that we visited, the miller took us around and explained to us the type of mill it was and what its uses were. As it was, all of them were in operation. What a sight to see.

The most interesting mill I saw was a Water Mill.

**Anne Rietveld**

**President of ANSWA**

## Debt-crippled Holland falls victim to EMU blunders as property slump deepens.

The eurozone's slow suffocation is going Dutch. Each extra month of slump caused by Europe's negligent authorities is pushing Holland closer to a debt-deflation trap.

The coalition of Mark Rutte has belatedly woken up to the danger. Last month it retreated from pro-cyclical tightening, delaying €4.3bn in budget austerity. By then Mr Rutte's totemic worship of EU deficit targets had invited the ridicule of the official Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (CPB), which said Dutch leaders did not seem to understand how private credit busts interact with fiscal cuts to create havoc.

"The Dutch government's inability to acknowledge the damage done by austerity despite mounting evidence is a case of 'cognitive dissonance'," it told the Financial Times.

Yet this is not at root a case of botched fiscal policy. It is a case of misaligned monetary policy. The Netherlands offers a salutary lesson of what can happen to a rich sophisticated economy caught in a post-bubble crunch once it has lost control of its currency, central bank and monetary levers. This would have happened to Britain without the Bank of England, and the US without the Fed.

The Dutch crisis has crept up quietly, though hedge funds have been nibbling for months. Most people lump the Netherlands together with Germany, Finland and Austria, the hardline AAA fist-thumpers who dictate terms to others.

Unemployment was very low until the dam broke. It is now soaring as fast as in Cyprus. The rate has doubled over the past two years, jumping from 7.7pc to 8.1pc in the single month of March. The economy has been in recession since early 2011.

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## CONGRATULATIONS:

Mrs Alie Poeppes of Safety Bay for being the first listener to ring in with the correct answer to our recent quiz. Her prize was 'Ontbijt voor 2 personen' at John Otis' "The Dutch Butcher". Our sincere thanks to John for his kind donation.

Dear Listeners—from time to time we hold a competition or two and the prizes we receive from kind donors are well worth the trying of your luck. Stay tuned on a Sunday afternoon—

the quiz can come up on any Sunday at any time during our program. You've got to be in it to win it folks.



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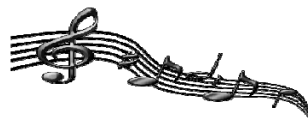
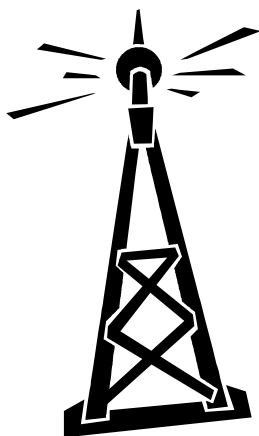
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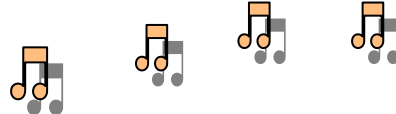
specialist Ethnic, Indigenous, Radio for the Print Handicapped (RPH) services, broadens the media choices available to all Australians. Community media distinguishes itself from other media by actively promoting access and participation in the processes of media operations, administration and production. Community broadcasting is **volunteer** driven with over 20,000 volunteer broadcasters and support staff helping to deliver media **'for the people by the people'**. The sector provides invaluable opportunities for community access, participation, training, experimentation and innovation in radio and television production.

Australia's first community radio station was Radio Adelaide (5UV) licensed in 1972. The sector has developed rapidly over the past decades. The number of permanently licensed stations has grown by over 75% over the last decade and now has a national radio audience reach estimated at more than 3.3 million and a television audience estimated at more than 3.6 million (in the four largest mainland State capitals). Today community broadcasting is Australia's largest independent media sector with 460 independent community owned and operated broadcasting services including radio and television stations and remote Indigenous services.



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Dutch Community Radio is always looking for volunteers willing to become announcers and/or panel operators. The occasional Sunday afternoon is all the time required.

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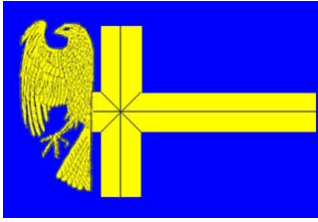
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# The town of Bunschoten-Spakenburg

## BUNSCHOTEN-SPAKENBURG



Now mostly called either Bunschoten or Spakenburg, is a medieval town in the Netherlands, in the province of Utrecht.

Bunschoten was first named in 1294 and received its city rights by the Bishop of Utrecht in 1383. Because of these rights the citizens were allowed to build an earthen wall around the town for protection.

The fortifications didn't last long however because a part of the town was destroyed in 1427 in a war between two rival Bishops and the wall was never rebuilt.

It was originally a very important fishing village since it was part of a wide, open valley of the river Eem. Their main catch was paling (eel), which is still a favourite of the Dutch today.

A century after Bunschoten was first mentioned, the settlement of Spakenburg developed. Originally the two towns were separated by a river inlet but much has happened in their history to change the lay of the land. Because of the location on the coast of what was then the Zuiderzee (a shallow bay on the North Sea), many floods inundated the area which caused the towns to become isolated.

## HISTORY

In January of 1916 a flood hit all of the provinces around the Zuiderzee. This flood was caused by stress from a winter storm and dikes at several places along the Zuiderzee (the current IJsselmeer) collapsed. This particular flooding made it necessary for a decision to "tame" the Zuiderzee, even though the plan had been discussed for a long time prior. Originally the dam was planned to be built, starting from the town of Enkhuizen. The new dams that were to be built had brought opposition from fishermen along the Zuiderzee who would lose their livelihood, while other people feared that higher water levels would result.

## PROJECT APPROVED

The decision was made however, to enclose the Zuiderzee and create new land for agriculture and in June 1927 the project got under way. After the dike (Afsluitdijk) was finished in 1932 and officially opened in 1933, the Zuiderzee was changed from a dangerous shallow inlet of the North Sea into the tame IJsselmeer, which created opportunity to reclaim new land.

This land (polder in Dutch) was often below sea level and needed drainage and pumps to remain dry. A big disadvantage of the dikes was that it limited access to the sea.

The map on the right shows the entire area. In green is the new land gained, which totalled 1650 square kilometres. The red arrow shows where the dike was built.



The **Afsluitdijk** (Enclosure Dam) is a major causeway in the Netherlands, constructed between 1927 and 1932 and running from Den Oever on Wieringen in North Holland province, to the village of Zurich in Friesland province, over a length of 32 kilometres and a width of 90 meters, at an initial height of 7.25 m above sea-level.



*Queen Wilhelmina haven*

A price was paid for these changes however, because Bunschoten-Spakenburg was no longer the bustling commercial fishing village since the main route to the sea had now been cut off.

In the early 1900's the prosperous fishing harbor boasted over 200 ships but the closing of the "Zuiderzee" after the floods of 1916 and further reclaiming of land after that period, brought an end to that.

A statue of the then Queen Wilhelmina was erected at the harbour, as a commemoration of the homes and lives that were lost or altered because of the flooding and a promise that it would never happen again. No commercial fishing is now done from this area, but today it still remains a popular tourist attraction and a haven for small fishing boats and yachts.

On the slips of the shipyard, the authentic wooden fishing boats are still repaired and restored like the old times and the picturesque old harbour offers a wonderful scenery for all activities in the community.

# The town of Bunschoten-Spakenburg

## BUNSCHOTEN-SPAKENBURG TODAY

Bunschoten-Spakenburg is now largely a popular tourist area with outside cafés, lovely pubs, craft shops, 3 museums, a large shopping area, hotels and even an old-fashioned green grocery, which sells only fresh fruits and vegetables. No cars are allowed in the main area of the town but free parking is nearby. It is also one of the few areas in Holland where you may see people dressed in the traditional garb of Bunschoten-Spakenburg. During special events you will see men, women and children dress in these typical clothes which are still an important part of their heritage.

The picture on the right is a bell tower located near the cafés in the central area of town. It periodically plays various songs and while we were having coffee and that wonderful Dutch Apple Pie in the square it was playing "Eidelweiss", a lovely relaxing tune to listen to.



According to the brochures, there are still several hundred people (mostly elderly women) who commonly wear the costumes. When we visited, unfortunately there was no-one in the traditional dress, but the picture on the left shows what the dress looks like. This is the scene outside one of the museums. Note the shoulder covering. This is called the "kraplap" and is a stiff cotton covering which will be brightly flowered, even often hand painted, except when people are mourning. At those times it would be black and dark purple.

*Women in their traditional dress*

## SPAKENBURG SMOKED EEL

Even though commercial fishing declined dramatically after the closing of the Zuiderzee by creating the afsluitdijk, eel is still a Dutch delicacy and a very sought after fish in Bunschoten-Spakenburg. Originally eel travelled all the way from the Sargasso Sea to Europe, a distance of approximately 6000 km and was then caught in the Zuiderzee.

Eel is now stocked and spawns in the IJsselmeer and still smoked in Spakenburg.

Here are 2 videos of Spakenburg about paling (eel) and fish in general for people with internet capability. Just copy and paste the following URLs:



*A lovely meal of smoked eel here*

1. Spakenburg Visbeurs 2011: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U\\_yLCI3-WN0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_yLCI3-WN0)

2. Spakenburger Paling: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bREc3f\\_auU8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bREc3f_auU8)

Very interesting video about all aspects regarding paling. No sound, but worthwhile watching.

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*Harbour of Spakenburg*



*Gristmill 'De Hope'*



*Bakkerij aan de Havendijk*

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.



## Profile of a newer migrant member. Wilna Cornelisse.



*(This column will give the Neerlandia reader the opportunity to meet some of the newer migrant members, their family history, life experiences, hobbies, work etc. This article will be the first of a new series)*

### Mag ik me even voorstellen?

Mijn naam is Wilna Cornelisse en woon sinds december 1994 in Perth, samen met man en kinderen.

De kinderen zijn inmiddels dertigers en wonen allang niet meer thuis. Mijn man Reg en ik wonen nu in Scarborough. De reden waarom we vanuit Noord-Brabant naar Perth zijn gevlogen is vanwege het terugverlangen van mijn man naar West-Australië. Reg is na de oorlog opgegroeid in Melville.

Na 25 jaar in Nederland te hebben gewoond en gewerkt was het tijd om het kikkerlandje te verlaten om hier ons verdere geluk te zoeken. Dat kostte even tijd, maar we hebben het gevonden M. De kinderen hebben kunnen studeren wat ze wilden en hebben allebei een mooi beroep, de een is arts, de ander is producer van een veelbeluisterd radioprogramma. Reg en ik zijn inmiddels 60-ers en zitten volop in het arbeidsproces. Eigenlijk alleen omdat we er allebei nog veel plezier in hebben. Reg werkt aan, op, in baggerprojecten en ik als doorgewinterde juf heb de Nederlandse school 'De Schakel' in WA opgezet. Het was niet echt een plan, maar door de aanhoudende vraag naar gekwalificeerd Nederlands onderwijs, met name door de expats, is het hier-en-daar-lesgeven uitgegroeid tot een school met bijna 170 leerlingen en 12 volledig bevoegde Nederlandse leerkrachten. 50% van de leerlingen zijn expats, de andere 50% zijn kinderen, die een of twee Nederlandse of Vlaamse ouders hebben. De ouders van nu willen ze graag twee- of meertalig opvoeden en dat is in deze tijd een bonus. Wij als team vinden het geweldig interessant om ieder kind weer op persoonlijke noot te benaderen en eruit te halen wat er in zit, om erin te stoppen wat erin kan! M.a.w.: onderwijs op maat.

Aangezien ik jaarlijks met een aantal collega's in

juli naar Nederland vlieg voor een congres/cursus op onderwijsgebied, heb ik mijn ouders, familie en vrienden regelmatig kunnen bezoeken.

Inmiddels is m'n vader overleden, maar mam is 'still going strong' M. De cursussen zijn ook belangrijk om bij te blijven met de onderwijsontwikkelingen in Nederland. Wij staan onder toezicht van de Nederlandse Onderwijsinspectie. Vanuit het Ministerie van onderwijs ontvangt het schoolbestuur subsidies.

Ik mis niet zoveel uit Nederland. Ik ben altijd wel weer blij om er even te zijn, maar dat komt vnl.

omdat ik dan weer tijd met m'n moeder en vriendinnen/vrienden door kan brengen. We lachen heel wat af. Je hebt maar een paar woorden nodig om elkaar te begrijpen. Dat heb je met oude vriendschappen. Die vergaan niet, je gaat gewoon verder met waar je gebleven was. Maar eerlijk gezegd ben ik ook weer blij om naar huis, naar Perth te gaan, want hier is m'n leven.

En wat doe ik hier? Tja, naast de school, die me zeker ook 's avonds bezig houdt zeil ik met Reg op de Swan River, soms op de oceaan. We hebben een racer/cruiser en proberen twee keer per week de wedstrijd te winnen. Maar het belangrijkste is toch wel dat de knop om gaat als je op het water bent. Dat je alleen maar met het zeilen bezig bent, dat je met veel plezier met de bemanning de eindstreep weer haalt om daarna 'onder het genot van' nog even te evalueren waarom het wel of niet gelukt was om de eerste prijs te halen. Een prachtsport!

Verder is maandag omadag. Dan komt kleine Henri van 20 maanden bij ons thuis, omdat z'n ouders druk zijn met hun werk. Die dagen zijn dus feestjes en we verzinnen steeds weer iets leuks om te doen. We spreken alleen Nederlands met hem en hij begrijpt alles....geen probleem.

Ik lees graag en hou van spelletjes: kaarten, scrabbelen, kijk graag naar goede films, ga naar theatervoorstellingen en concerten. Genoeg te doen hier in Perth.

Volgens mij weten jullie wel even genoeg over me. Ik hoop jullie binnenkort in Neerlandia tegen te komen om jullie verhaal te horen. Een ieder heeft zo zijn interessante achtergrond en redenen om hier te zijn. Geen verhaal zal hetzelfde zijn. Ik kijk ernaaruit.

Tot gauw!

**Wilna Cornelisse.**



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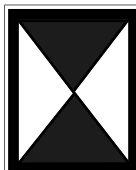
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# Neerlandia Survey part 2

Dit is deel 2 van de Enquete die door Neerlandia onder de Nederlandse Gemeenschap werd gehouden.

Behalve de uitslag van een groot aantal vragen, die in april in het Neerlandia Magazine werd gepubliceerd volgt nu een overzicht van suggesties als antwoord op de vraag:  
*Neerlandia werd in juni 1969 als Nederlandse Club opgericht. Wat zou jij graag zien bij de Nederlandse Club en/of wat zou je verbeterd willen zien bij de Nederlandse Club*

... (KINDER GEORIENTEERDE) BEZIGHEDEN / (KINDER- VOLWASSENEN) BOEKCLUB  
Workshops / Actiteiten voor kinderen (verschillende voorbeelden van workshops volgden);  
Nederlandstalige boekenclub - specifiek voor (jonge) kinderen / Nederlandse Bibliotheek / Vakantie-activiteiten voor kinderen (filmavond voor kinderen met pizza en Nederlandse gerechten)/ bingo avond;  
Kinder evenementen waar we leuke Nederlandse liedjes en spelletjes kunnen doen/ kinderactiviteiten  
*Dit soort activiteiten zijn eenvoudig te organiseren door hen, die het betreft. Immers, elk Neerlandia lid heeft de mogelijkheid om gebruik te maken van de Neerlandiafaciliteiten. Door het vormen van een "sub-club" kunnen Neerlandialeden elkaar op regelmatige basis ontmoeten in het club gebouw en hun interesses met elkaar delen. Als er bijvoorbeeld behoefte is aan een kindervoorlees-middag of aan een boekenclubavond in de club, dan laat je dat aan het committee weten en e.e.a. kan doorgesproken worden.*

*Het is dus niet aan de Club om dit te organiseren; de organisatie moet worden voorgesteld door de Neerlandiaclubleden en de Club biedt dan haar leden de faciliteiten.*

*Er wordt door de Nederlandse Community in Perth en door Neerlandia vrijwilligers hard gewerkt om een bibliotheek met Nederlandstalige (kinder-) boeken op te zetten. Wij hopen deze bibliotheek of liever, BoekHoek, in juli klaar te hebben. Daarna blijven we rekenen op boekendonaties, zodat Neerlandia steeds een gevarieerd en aantrekkelijk leesaanbod zal hebben.*

... EINDEMAANDS BORREL IS VOOR ONS VOLDOENDE. MAAR VOOR DE KINDEREN Zouden er misschien wat spellen kunnen zijn (BIJV. UNO, LEVENSWEG, MASTERMIND, 4-OP-EEN-RIJ,ETC)

*Prima idee; we kijken op Gumtree. Deze spelen worden dan toegevoegd aan de grote hoeveelheid spelletjes die we reeds hebben.*

... CULTURELE ACTIVITEITEN, ZOALS ST. NICHOLAAS, KONINGS DAG.

*Elke eerste zondag van december komt Sint Nicolaas voor de kinderen naar Neerlandia. Niet alleen is er Sint Nicolaas met zijn zwarte Pieten, er is ook een goochelaar of andere show speciaal voor de kinderen. Kadootjes worden door de ouders verzorgd en door de Sint overhandigd.*

*Afgelopen 30 april werd in de Nederlandse Club het grootste Oranjefeest in het bestaan van de club georganiseerd en gevierd. Elke laatste vrijdag in april is er een Oranje End of Month Drink.*

... FILMAVONDEN / NEDERLANDSE FILMS EN MUZIEK VIDEO

*Onlangs zijn wij begonnen met het vertonen van*

*Nederlandstalige films. De eerste filmavond was op 12 juni. De Marathon is een film, die in de planning is opgenomen. Nederlandse muziekvideos worden getoond tijdens de EoM Drinks op het grote scherm.*

... THEATER- OF MUZIEKOPTREDENS VAN NEDERLANDSE ARTIESTEN.

Bespaar kosten op het gebouw en haal in plaats daarvan Nederlandse artiesten naar Perth! Neem eens contact op met Ned club in Jakarta en Singapore, zij doen dit ook. Wellicht is samenwerking mogelijk.

*Lidmaatschap Nederlandse Club in Singapore is S\$18,000 per jaar; Neerlandia membership is \$60. Dit zegt genoeg lijkt ons.*

... BILJART, AIRHOCKEY (...) DARTWEDSTRIJDEN  
*Daar waar het realistische en relevante ideeën zijn zouden we willen verwijzen naar onze reactie op BEZIGHEDEN/BOEKCLUB. Verder is de Club bij het organiseren van al haar evenementen vaak gelimiteerd is door voorschriften, vergunningen en verzekeringen.*

... EEN BUSINESS CLUB  
*Er is een businessclub in Perth. Australian Dutch Business Community. Deze club is mede opgezet door Arnold Stroobach, Patron of Dutch Society "Neerlandia"*

... BEHOEFTE AAN VOORLICHTING: HUIZENMARKT, BANENPOULE, OVERLEVEN IN AUSTRALIE, ETC

*Hiervoor verwijst Neerlandia iedereen in eerste instantie naar de Australian Dutch Business Community, die juist om deze redenen in het leven is geroepen.*

... WELLICHT LEUK OM TIJDENS DE BORREL OOK AF EN TOE IETS ANDERS TE KUNNEN KRIJGEN DAN "LEKKER ONGEZOND", BIJVOORBEELD HUTSPOT OF BOERENKOOL IN DE HERFST/WINTER.

*Leuk idee! We werken er aan en zoeken nu vrijwilligers die dit willen koken voor ons. Als we die gevonden hebben dan bieden we dat zeker aan. Prima suggestie!*

... HET ONTMOETEN VAN EEN MEER GEMELEERD PUBLIEK.

*De Club is open voor iedereen; voor leden en voor niet leden. Neerlandia kan niet beïnvloeden wie er wel en wie er niet door de deur komt. Breng gerust je familie, vrienden en burens mee, of ze nu Nederlands zijn of niet. Hoe meer zielen, des te meer vreugd en zo ontstaat er vanzelf een meer gemeleerd publiek!*

... MODERNE BAR. BETERE VERLICHTING. MEER FLEXIBILITEIT IN OPENINGSTIJDEN.

*Daar is het committee het mee eens. Oplossing? Nieuwe leden! Nieuwe leden betekenen meer geld om aan het gebouw te spenderen en nieuwe leden betekenen ook meer vrijwilligers om leuke nieuwe evenementen mee te organiseren.*

... STERKERE BINDING MET "DE SCHAKEL" EN DE CONSUL

*Tot ons grote genoegen kunnen wij melden dat er een samenwerking met De Schakel begint te komen. Onlangs heeft De Schakel dozen met prachtige kinderboeken en video tapes gedoneerd. Deze donaties komen allemaal ten goede aan de Neerlandia BoekHoek. De Consul is de Neerlandia's Patron - een sterkere binding kan nauwelijks.*

... WEDSTRIJDEN ORANJE OP GROOT SCHERM

# Neerlandia Survey part 2 & August Birthdays

Neerlandia verheugt zich op de komende Wereld Kampioenschappen 2014 en heeft reeds een programma op papier staan. Afhankelijk van de tijden waarop Nederland speelt, zal het gebouw open zijn om met elkaar de wedstrijden te bekijken (en te ontbijten). Bedenk wel dat de Club bij het organiseren van evenementen gebonden is aan een heleboel voorschriften, vergunningen (geen alcohol schenken tussen middernacht en 8.00am) en verzekeringen.

... INTEGRATIE MET DUTCHIES IN PERTH  
Neerlandia plaatst regelmatig berichten op de FB pagina van Dutchies in Perth en zeker gedurende het laatste jaar komen er meer bezoekers naar de Nederlandse Club en de Nederlandse winkels, die de informatie van de FB-pagina haalden.

... DINGEN DIE MENSEN BINDEN, KAN OOK HULP ZIJN VOOR NIEUWKOMERS. HET IS NU ERG GERICHT OP OUDEREN DIE AL JAREN HIER WONEN. (.....) HET IS NU ERG WEINIG GERICHT OP NIEUWKOMERS EN HET NIEUWE NEDERLAND. DENK AAN: WE ZIJN NIET MEER VAN DE TULPEN EN DE MOLENS, MAAR VAN HET DUTCH DESIGN BV

Neerlandia zou graag een bindende functie hebben. Deze enquête heeft uitgewezen dat er een, zij het kleine, behoefte bestaat aan voorlichting. Het probleem is dat het Neerlandia niet geheel duidelijk is aan welke soort voorlichting behoefte is.

Neerlandia's reactie op deze suggestie is : word lid, kom op met je ideeën. Jullie zijn de mensen, die net uit Nederland komen; jullie weten wat Dutch Design is. De ouderen, die hier al jaren wonen hebben geen weet van Dutch Design, dus kunnen dat niet introduceren. Toen de ouderen Nederland verlieten was het tulpen, windmolens en klompen. Als er geen verandering is volgt er stilstand; de nieuwe immigranten moeten de ouderen vertellen wat er nu populair is in Nederland.

Neerlandia staat open voor suggesties, maar het moeten wel opbouwende en realistische suggesties zijn.

Het aardige was overigens, dat het eerste Dutch Design dat we tegenkwamen, een tulp was ....

... PRESENTATIES MET EEN THEMA EN EEN NEDERLANDSE SPREKER; DEBATTEN EN/OF GESPREKKEN OVER ZAKEN DIE ENKELE OF MEERDERE NEDERLANDSE MIGRANTEN IN PERTH AANGAAN

Prima idee! Die mogelijkheden gaan we bekijken.

Neerlandia wil graag iedereen, die deelnam aan de enquête hartelijk bedanken voor de moeite, die genomen werd om ons inzicht te geven in wat er leeft onder de Nederlandse gemeenschap.

Neerlandia zou nogmaals onder de aandacht willen brengen dat de 2013 AGM in september gehouden zal worden. Deze Algemene Jaarvergadering is de gelegenheid voor geïnteresseerden om zitting te nemen in het Committee en aan bovenstaande suggesties en ideeën te werken. Neem contact op met de President als je denkt iets te kunnen bijdragen aan het welzijn en de toekomst van de Nederlandse Club in Perth.

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## Het Kan Verkeren. (Bredero, 1585-1618).

Right through the history of the Lower Lands, our Netherlands, we were confronted by important decisions with following results affecting the welfare and security of the people and their country. It would be interesting for my readers to give a short resume of how the very religious Catholic King Philip II of Spain also became their king, so hated by the Dutch and the cause of the 80-year war of independence.

As from early days on, the Lower or Nether-Lands were under the rule of the House of Burgundy, who held their sumptuous court in the center of their extensive possessions, the prosperous and wealthy Hanseatic cities of Bruges and Ghent. These were the Dukes, well known in Dutch history, Philip I de Goede 1433-1467 (the Good), Karel I de Stoute 1467-1477 (the Bold) and Mary de Rijke 1477-1482 (Mary of Burgundy) who married Maximillian of Habsburg in 1477, whereby the rule over the Nether Lands passes over to the Austrian Habsburg Counts. Maximillian takes over on the death of his wife Mary and rules from 1482 till 1494, followed up by his son Philip II de Schone (1494-1506), then Maximillian 1506-1515, after which the related Charles II takes over, also acting as King of Spain under the name of Charles V (Karel de Vijfde), ruling until 1556. When retiring he is followed up by his son Philip II, King of Spain and ruler of the 17 Provinces of the Netherlands, including present day Holland, most of Belgium and Luxembourg and part of Northern France, the area of Lille (Rijssel) and Dunkirk (Duinkerken). Philip in his day was a mighty ruler, being also King of Portugal, Naples and Sicily. He was slight of stature, had pale blue eyes and the famous 'Habsburg lips and chin'; overall courteous and gracious. He married the 37 year old Mary I of England in the Winchester Cathedral on the 25th of July 1554, thereby becoming the brother-in-law of Elisabeth; he was to co-reign with his wife. All documents at the time had to be in English and Spanish or Latin, as Philip did not speak English. They had no children and Mary died in 1558. On her death Philip lost all rights to the English Throne, these went to Mary's half sister Elisabeth, the Protestant daughter of Henry VIII by Anne Boleyn. The English Catholics resented this strongly as Henry's marriage to Anne Boleyn was not sanctioned by the Pope and thus Henry lived in sin and Elisabeth considered a bastard child. The Catholics reckoned that Mary Queen of Scots, the Catholic great-granddaughter of Henry VII should be the legitimate heir to the English Throne. The execution of Mary in 1587 was the final straw for King Philip II and he started planning to punish those heretic English. Actually, Philip and Elisabeth met each other in May 1555, while he was Mary's consort and Elisabeth was brought to Hampton Court after her imprisonment at Woodstock. After Mary's death he offered marriage but nothing came of it.

We have now arrived at the cause of why the Spanish Armada sailed on the 28th of May 1588 from Lisbon in Portugal with the aim to capture the Protestant Queen



Elisabeth I, called 'The Virgin Queen' of England, subject the country and thereby control the important Channel between England and France. King Philip II was deeply hurt by the fact that Elisabeth was sympathetic towards the Dutch rebellion against his cruel rule and was helping them as much as she could. The menace to Spanish shipping sailing the oceans were the Dutch

Water-Geuzen or Sea-Beggars, who were allowed to refit their ships in English ports and sell their loot from piracy. The English in competition with the Geuzen were also targeting the Spanish galleons, especially those who were returning from the American colonies, heavily laden with silver, gold and precious stones. Now being threatened with war by Philip, Elisabeth had no choice but to avoid a direct confrontation with Spain by denying the Water-Geuzen entry to the English ports, thereby demonstrating that she would not help Dutch rebellion any longer against the Spanish King. Philip and his advisers now agreed that it would be of first priority to defeat the Dutch in order to be able to invade England successfully, so an all out assault could be made from the Dutch ports, instead from far-away Spain.

However another emergency for Philip emerged, the Portuguese succession, which resulted in a dynastic union with Portugal in 1581 whereby he becomes also King of Portugal. This was of great advantage to him as he could now stop all Dutch shipping from entering Portuguese ports plus launching an all out attack on England from the important harbour of Lisbon. The preparations for building a mighty invasion fleet had now started in 1586, as those troublesome Dutch gave the local Spanish no chance of a quick defeat. Enter Sir Francis Drake, who raided the Port of Cadiz in Spain in April 1587, thereby wrecking quite a number of ships under construction. Queen Elisabeth together with her advisers, convinced that a war with Spain was now inevitable, ordered Drake to sail out from Plymouth on the 12th of April 1587 for Cadiz, where from reports received, a big fleet was being constructed and fitted. He arrived on April the 29th late afternoon, and boldly sailed into the harbour, to the complete surprise of the busy Spaniards. The remainder of the day, as well as the following day, he cannonaded, fired and destroyed thirty seven naval and merchant vessels, thereby 'Singeing the Kings Beard' as the popular saying was at the time. For several months after, Drake or 'El Draque', The Dragon as the Spaniards called him, sailed with his naval fleet along the Iberian coast, capturing as well as destroying Spanish supply ships, thereby causing the Spaniards

such losses that this delayed the completion of the mighty Armada for one whole year. Among the lost supplies were more than 1600 tons of seasoned barrel staves and iron hoops, destined for making barrels to store some 25.000 to 30.000 tons of provisions and water.

The organization of this expedition was huge.

Warehouses were being filled with around 11 million pound of biscuits, 40.000 gallons of olive oil, 14.000 barrels of wine, 600.000 pounds of salted pork, 5000 pair of shoes, just to name a few items. This of course together with gun barrels, rifles, sabres, kilometers of different rope sizes and all the necessary rigging, all required for one hundred and thirty vessels, including twenty two mighty fighting galleons. After the Armada finally sailed out, this caused an enormous problem of feeding crew and soldiers aboard, as food soon started to rot and water became undrinkable because the barrels were now made mostly of freshly cut wood whereby the sap chemically interfered with the barrel's contents. Then the capable and seasoned leader of the Armada, Lord High Admiral Santa Cruz, died in 1586. King Philip II now appointed the successful General, Duke of Medina Sidonia as Admiral of the great invasion fleet Armada. But Medina was not a sailor and got seasick as soon as the fleet went on its way. Then in April 1588, soon after leaving port, the Armada was hit by a terrible storm whereby many ships were damaged and had to return to port for repairs. Finally the Armada sailed off again direction Calais, their large galleons manned with 17.000 well equipped soldiers and 180 priests. When the Armada neared the Channel Sir Francis Drake being stationed in Plymouth with his fleet, was well aware of it and got orders to engage the enemy. The story goes that Drake responded by saying that he wanted to finish his game of bowls first before engaging the Spanish enemy. Fact was that the tide was against him for sailing out and he had to wait for a favourable wind as well together with an outgoing tide. The English had a system of beacons, being lit along the coast, as soon as one was seen alight, the next one further along the coast was lit and so the government in London was well aware what was going on. Sir Francis Drake managed to attack the Armada which was proudly sailing in the established battle formation of the crescent moon, the slower fighting galleons in the center and the faster smaller fighters known as zabras and pataches on the perimeter. Drake's attack on the Armada was ineffective and did very little damage to the Armada formation with its well built strong hulls. A tremendous lot of ammunition was spent on firing their cannon balls at each other with relative little result. Close engagement did not happen with the exception of a few galleons which gallantly fired their broadsides against the exposed English ships. The Armada arrived on the 6th of August near modern day Calais in the deep-sea harbour of Gravelines nearby and anchored. To the horror of the Admiral Medina Sidona, there was no

harbour big and deep enough along the French channel coast to accommodate his Armada and therefore he could not pick up 16.000 soldiers from Dunkirk, who were waiting for him there. The original plan had been to pick up these soldiers at Dunkirk, but now orders had to be sent out to Dunkirk to march these soldiers to Gravelines to board the Armada ships. The English on the other side were well prepared and had eight old ships ready, stacked with all sorts of flammable material. At midnight with a favourable wind blowing, they set fire to their cargo and with fixed steering these fiercely burning 'fire ships' slowly floated towards the anchored Armada. The Spanish look-outs raised the alarm and the ship's crews cut anchors and desperately set sail to escape these oncoming blazing hell burners. A few ships were lost and the main force of the Armada escaped, but the established half moon battle formation was now broken and each ship was now on its own. The English, now aided by the Watergeuzen, gave battle and prevented the outnumbered Armada formation to escape back to Spain through the Channel. An all out battle developed and was bravely fought back by the outnumbered individual Spanish ships. Four Spanish galleons stood to fight back and three were finally sunk with the loss of 600 men killed and 800 wounded. But they had stopped a complete massacre by the combined English and Dutch navies. During these desperate battles, the worsening weather slowly developed into a raging storm, which in a way saved the Spanish fleet from being annihilated. The scattered Armada sailed northwards in order to return to Spain via Scotland and the west coast of Ireland. Medina Sidona's diary had an entry, reading- 'We were saved by the weather and God's mercy'. This is not the end yet of this tale of Spanish misfortune. The ships provisions were not sufficient for this extended journey and all aboard were suffering from hunger, having to survive on mini issues of rotten food and small rations of practically undrinkable water. In addition to these problems was the weather in mid-September around the north of Scotland, which hit the Armada with hurricane force. Those ships that survived, headed for Catholic Ireland, hoping to get help and supplies anchoring in what is now called Armada Bay, near Galway. Those sailors who went ashore were killed as the Irish still saw the Spaniards as invaders. Those of the crew and soldiers who survived the homeward journey were suffering from dysentery, scurvy and fever. An accurate account of this disastrous enterprise was not possible to make, but it is estimated that only 67 out of 130 ships returned to Spain. Over 20.000 Spanish soldiers and crew were killed. Against this, the English lost no ships and only 100 men killed. However over 7000 English crew and soldiers died from typhus and dysentery. Many were given only enough money to get home and some only part of their pay. Two years later Spain was bankrupt. Sic Transit Gloria Mundi!! Thus passes the glory of the world.

**Gerard Woerlee.**



# Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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	18						16		22		13			
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~~A~~ B C D E F G H I J K L M N O ~~P~~ Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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R

P

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## CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



### How to play the Game:

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

*I found the last Codebreaker not easy, but once I found the words "illwill, jailbreak and armadillo" I was on my way.*

*The June solution was:*  
A=21; B=24; C=14; D=10; E=4;  
F=13; G=18; H=20; I=3; J=2;  
K=17; L=7; M=12; N=8; O=9;  
P=5; Q=11; R=1; S=26; T=19;  
U=15; V=22; W=23; X=25; Y=6;  
Z=16.

## Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

### Sudoku - Easy

3	7		2		9	6	5	8
	1	9		6				
5					8	3		
		2		8				4
4			1		3			6
7				4		1		
		1	5					2
				9		8	3	
6	5	3	8		7		4	1



### Sudoku - Moderate

		3	4		1			6
	7	6		5				
8				3				
		1	8					9
		2	1		5	6		
9					7	2		
				7				2
				1		9	5	
3			2		4	7		

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